

Emergency Preparedness Month

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Commonwealth has experienced many types of natural hazards, including floods, blizzards, hurricanes, droughts, forest fires, tornadoes and earthquakes; and

Whereas The Commonwealth is faced with the possibility of experiencing other types of hazards, such as hazardous material events, nuclear power accidents, utility emergencies, dam failures, water supply problems, civil disorder, conflagration, major transportation accidents or major medical emergencies; and

Whereas The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, which includes the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Fire Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Massachusetts National Guard, have the responsibility to minimize the loss of life and property and protect public health and safety in a disaster or emergency; and

Whereas It is the responsibility of these agencies, together with its many federal, state, local, public, private and volunteer partners, to protect public health and safety by preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating disasters; and

Whereas The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, other state agencies, and public safety partners have planned numerous activities in September to highlight the importance of personal, family and community preparedness,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 2012 to be,

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-ninth day of August, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

Deval L. Patrick
Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts